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SUBJECT: ISRAELI COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

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1. IT IS CLEARLY UP TO ISRAELIS TO DECIDE WHEN THEY WANT TO SEND THEIR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM TO CAIRO. AS INDICATED REF B, EGYPTIANS ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE TEAM 1100 TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 29. I WILL TRY TO CONTACT GAMASY (OR SHAWKAT) TO INFORM HIM THAT ISRAELI TEAM ARRIVAL HAS BEEN DEFERRED. I DOUBT THAT ANY EGYPTIANS WILL BE UPSET BY ISRAELI DECISION TO DELAY TEAM ARRIVAL. GAMASY IN FACT WONDERS WHAT TEAM WILL BE DOING HERE IN NEXT WEEK OR SO. I WILL INFORM EGYPTIANS OF DELAY.

2. ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE, I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP. I HAVE SPENT MUCH OF TODAY TRYING TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISRAELI TEAM ARRIVAL TO DETRIMENT OF OTHER HIGH PRIORITY WORK. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORM-
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ING APPROPRIATE ISRAELIS, INCLUDING WEIZMAN, THAT I REMAIN WILLING BE OF ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE, BUT THAT I AM NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO OPERATE ON NEAR PANIC BASIS THAT WE HAVE GONE THROUGH LAST TWO DAYS TO FACILITATE ISRAELI TEAM'S PUTATIVE ARRIVAL. I DO NOT THINK IT IS TOO MUCH TO ASK OF ISRAELIS THAT WHEN THEY FINALLY DECIDE TO SEND TEAM, THEY INFORM US SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE THAT ARRANGEMENTS

CAN BE MADE WITH EGYPTIANS FOR TEAM ARRIVAL AND ACCOMODATIONS WITHOUT THE NEAR PANIC ELEMENT THAT HAS EXISTED PAST TWO DAYS BECAUSE OF FALSE ISRAELI SIGNALS THROUGH YOU.

3. I NEED HARDLY REITERATE THAT WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO FACILITATE ISRAELI TEAM'S ARRIVAL, BUT IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TO EXPECT SOME SENSIBLE AND ADVANCE COORDINATION ON PART OF ISRAELIS IN ARRANGING THIS. I WOULD BE GREATFUL IF BEFORE WE GO THROUGH THIS FOOLISH EXERCISE AGAIN, YOU INSURE THAT GOI HAS COORDINATED WHAT IT WANTS WITH RESPECT TO TEAM. I DO NOT THINK THIS IS TOO MUCH TO ASK. EILTS

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